

THE HOUNDS

The Heart of the Hunt

While riders may be the most visible part of a hunt, the hounds are its true focus. Every decision made in the field revolves around supporting their work. Bred for nose, voice, stamina, and intelligence, our hounds represent more than a century of tradition.



“The riders may follow the hounds, but the hounds lead the hunt.”

HISTORY OF THE PACK

The Eglinton & Caledon Hounds have evolved through generations of dedicated huntsmen and exceptional bloodlines.



1919

1950s

1980s

1990s

TODAY

The original hounds were culled from the Toronto Hunt pack and established as a drag pack at Eglinton & Avenue Road in Toronto.

The pack evolved from the Old English Foxhound to a more streamlined English type built for speed and stamina.

Kennel moved to the Caledon Hills and the name changed to Eglinton & Caledon Hunt.

New bloodlines introduced, including The Curre (Wales), Penn-Marydel, and Fell hounds.

A balanced pack with nose, heart, voice and athleticism to hunt fox and coyote in Ontario's diverse countryside.

BUILDING THE MODERN HOUND

The qualities we value in every hound.



VOICE

A strong, true cry allows huntsmen to follow the hounds through challenging country.



NOSE

Exceptional scenting ability to find and follow the line over long distances.



STAMINA

Built for endurance to cover Ontario's varied terrain from start to finish.



BIDDABILITY

Willingness to work with and respond to the Huntsman in all situations.

TRAINING A YOUNG HOUND

From puppy to hunting hound.



1

PUPPY

Born and raised at the kennels with early socialization.



2

PUPPY WALKING

Lives with a volunteer walker during the summer months.



3

KENNEL TRAINING

Returns to the kennels for pack training and routine.



4

INTRODUCTION TO HORSES

Learns to be comfortable around horses and the field.



5

ENTERED INTO THE PACK

Officially begins hunting with the pack. (12–18 months).



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HUNTING HOUND

A seasoned member of the pack, doing the job it was bred to do.

PUPPY WALKING

Our puppy walkers are the foundation of our pack's future.

By opening their homes and hearts to young hounds, they provide:

- ✓ Individual attention
- ✓ Socialization & confidence
- ✓ Basic obedience & manners
- ✓ Exposure to everyday life

These experiences help create well-rounded hounds ready to thrive in the kennels and in the field.



DID YOU KNOW?



Hounds are always counted in couples. One male and one female.



A young hound is not “entered” until it officially begins hunting with the pack.



Different bloodlines were introduced to contribute specific qualities such as voice, stamina, toughness, and trainability.



Good cry remains one of the most valued traits in a hunting hound.



Generations of thoughtful breeding have created a pack that reflects more than a century of tradition and dedication.